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TO : SAC

DATE: 3/11/65

FROM : SA JAMES E. HELMER

SUBJECT: UNSUB; JERALD C. BRAUER,
HOWARD SCHOMER, EDGAR
CHANDLER - VICTIMS
RACIAL MATTERS

At 9:45 a.m. today Mrs. JERALD "MURIEL" C. BRAUER, 5620 S. Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, telephone NHyde Park 3-6686, wife of the Dean of the University of Chicago, School of Divinity, advised that her husband had flown down to Selma, Alabama, Monday, 3/8/65, with a group of persons participating in the civil rights march and demonstration to take place in that city. He returned the next day.

Last night Mr. BRAUER appeared on television at 6:00 p.m. and related his experiences at Selma. His experiences at Selma also received local newspaper coverage.

At 9:28 p.m., last night, Mrs. BRAUER, whose husband is now in New York, received what appeared to be a local telephone call from a mature sounding man, speaking in a soft voice "filled with hate and anger", who said he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The caller stated that Mrs. BRAUER's husband and all of the rest of the people who travelled to Selma with him were on the KKK's list for extermination. Mrs. BRAUER stated that she also received a similar call from a woman at 11:15 p.m., threatening her husband. In addition, Mrs. BRAUER advised that Mrs. HOWARD "ELSIE" SCHOMER, whose husband is President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 S. University Ave., Chicago, and Mrs. EDGAR CHANDLER, whose husband is director of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, 116 South Michigan Avenue, had received similar calls, apparently in alphabetical order from a man threatening their husbands and all those who had travelled to Selma with them. According to Mrs. BRAUER, the male caller, when he contacted Mrs. SCHOMER, allegedly said that there were 200 KKK members in Chicago.

Mrs. BRAUER said that she had contacted the Chicago Police and the telephone company. The police said that it

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appeared that the calls, from what Mrs. BRAUER had told them, were from a crank and there was little they could do unless the calls continued on a regular basis.

Mrs. BRAUER was advised that this was not a violation of the Extortion Statute under the FBI's jurisdiction, but that if she should get any letters through the mail threatening her husband's life she should save the letters, give them minimum handling and immediately call this office. Mrs. BRAUER said that she would contact and relay these instructions on to Mrs. and Mrs. SCHOMER and Mrs. and Mrs. CHANDLER.

Mrs. BRAUER stated that she could furnish no description of Mr. SCHOMER and Mr. CHANDLER, but the following was her husband's description:

Age	33
Birth date	9/16/21, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Sandy Dutch hair cut
Eyes	Hazel Wears glasses when driving automobile.

Chicago, Illinois
March 11, 1965

**ANONYMOUS THREATENING TELEPHONE
CALLS RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS
IN CHICAGO WHO PARTICIPATED IN
DEMONSTRATION, SELMA, ALABAMA,
MARCH 8 AND 9, 1965
RACIAL MATTERS**

On March 11, 1965, Mrs. Jerald Brauer, 5629 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI):

Her husband, Dean of the University of Chicago School of Divinity, participated in the Selma, Alabama, civil rights demonstration on March 8 and 9, 1965. On March 10, 1965, Mrs. Brauer received an anonymous telephone call from a male caller who said that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and that her husband and other people who traveled to Selma were on the "KKK's list for extermination."

Mrs. Brauer received a similar telephone call from a female caller on March 10, 1965.

In addition, Mrs. Brauer knew of additional calls of a similar nature which had been made to Mrs. Howard Schoner, whose husband is president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 South University Avenue, Chicago, and to Mrs. Edgar Chandler, whose husband is director of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, 116 South Michigan Avenue.

Mrs. Brauer advised that from all indications and from the conversation it appeared that these calls were made from the Chicago area and were local in nature.

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On March 11, 1965, the above information was furnished to Officer Milton Blake, Human Relations Section, Chicago Police Department.

Officer Blake later advised on March 11, 1965, that the Chicago Police Department was conducting investigation concerning the above anonymous calls and from all indications the calls were local in nature, however, extra precautions concerning these individuals had been initiated by the Chicago Police Department.

The above information was also furnished to Sergeant Charles Mueller, Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. Maurice Martineau, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-)

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Re Chicago teletype dated 3/11/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a
letterhead memorandum pertaining to the above.

Mrs. BRAUER was instructed as to the handling of any
letters received through the mail which contain any similar
type threat as those received in her phone conversation and
was requested to immediately notify this office of any similar
calls, particularly any which appeared to have been made from
outside the state as well as the receipt of letters.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

ANONYMOUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY
INDIVIDUALS ^{IN} ~~AT~~ CHICAGO WHO PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION
SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH EIGHT AND NINE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. RM.

RE BUREAU TEL MARCH TWELVE INSTANT.

INFORMATION FROM RECIPIENTS ANONYMOUS CALLS AND CG PD
INDICATES CALLS LOCAL IN NATURE. CG PD AND RECIPIENTS
ANONYMOUS CALLS AWARE FBI INTEREST IN INTERSTATE CALLS AS
WELL AS POSSIBILITY THREATENING MAILINGS MAY BE RECEIVED
AND ALERTED TO ADVISE CHICAGO OFFICE OF SAME. CHICAGO WILL
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW.

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Jack Kent
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UNSUB; THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY REVEREND JACK KENT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, REGARDING PROPOSED CHURCH SERVICES IN MEMORY
OF REVEREND JAMES J. REEB SUNDAY MARCH FOURTEEN NEXT. RM.

REVEREND JACK KENT, TWELVE ZERO ONE EAST FIFTYSIX STREET,
 CHICAGO, ADVISED HE RECEIVED WHAT HE BELIEVES A LOCAL TELEPHONE
 CALL THIS DATE TO EFFECT THAT IF PROPOSED MEMORY SERVICES FOR
 REVEREND JAMES J. REEB HELD SUNDAY NEXT AT HIS UNITARIAN
 CHURCH, CHICAGO, THAT THEY WOULD GET HIM AND BREAK UP MEETING.
 REVEREND KENT PASTOR FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH FIFTYSIX AND WOODLAWN,
 CHICAGO. KENT HAS REQUESTED PROTECTION FROM CHICAGO PD.

CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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	<i>Insurance Co.</i>		
	<i>Dwight Brown,</i>		
	<i>Wife</i>		

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INDIVIDUALS IN CHICAGO WHO PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION
SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH EIGHT AND NINE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.
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RECGTEL MARCH ELEVEN, LAST.

YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN WHETHER
THERE IS ANY INDICATION THAT TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY
MRS. BRAUER, MRS. SCHOMER AND MRS. CHANDLER HAVE BEEN
INTERSTATE. IF SO, APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
INITIATED UNDER EXTORTION DASH RACIAL MATTERS CAPTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN FBI HANDBOOK, PART THREE,
PAGE SIXTY THREE. HANDLE AND ADVISE.

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TO : SAC (157-591)

DATE: 4/28/65

FROM : SA CLAY M. BRADY

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS
RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS IN CHICAGO
WHO PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION,
SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH 8-9, 1965
RM

On 4/27/65, Sgt. SAM NOLAN, Human Relations Section, Chicago PD, advised that investigation conducted by the CGPD has developed no suspects in the above matter. Sgt. NOLAN also advised that the recipients of threatening phone calls in this matter have not received any additional telephone calls and received no written threats.

In view of the above, this case is being closed.

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